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The United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit announces the addition of a second full-time mediator for the Court's Appellate Mediation Program. Penny Conly Ellison, a litigation partner at the law firm of Dilworth Paxson in Philadelphia, was chosen for the position after an extensive search process.

Ms. Ellison graduated *Cum Laude* from the University of Pennsylvania Law School and served as an editor of the Law Review. While employed at the Dilworth firm, her practice included a wide variety of cases including commercial, employment, insurance and federal law matters. In addition to Ms. Ellison's practice, she had significant management responsibilities as Chair of the firm's Hiring and Marketing Committees and Co-chair of its Strategic Planning Committee.

The Court's Appellate Mediation Program began in 1995 and has mediated more than 3,300 cases and settled more than 1,200.

Before the addition of Ms Ellison, cases were mediated by the Court's Director of the Appellate Mediation, Joseph A. Torregrossa, and by Senior Circuit judges and District judges. According to Mr. Torregrossa, "the addition of Penny Ellison will enable the Court to almost double the number of cases mediated, thereby, providing more mediation services to litigants and more amicable resolutions."